



March 14, 2016

TO: Members of the Transportation Committee

RE: Bills of Concern to Towns and Cities on 3/14/16 Agenda

CCM urges the Committee to **OPPOSE** the following bills:

HB 5055 **DECREASING WAIT TIMES AT THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES**

CCM opposes Sections 7 and 8 which would eliminate the requirement that the DMV deny the renewal of a motor vehicle registration due to delinquent property taxes.

This measure would cost towns and cities tens millions of dollars in uncollected tax revenue and interest payments by significantly limiting the ability of municipalities to collect delinquent taxes. Additionally, the proposed language would remove an important incentive for people to pay their current taxes in a timely manner.

Information collected from more than 120 town and cities have allowed us to conservatively estimate that statewide financial impact of HB 5055 to easily exceed \$33 million.

Potential Revenue Loss for Selected Municipalities

Municipality	5% Revenue Reduction
Bridgeport	\$1,116,779
Hartford	\$1,299,058
New Haven	\$917,350
Darien	\$206,538
Wilton	\$300,400
Middletown	\$546,409
Waterbury	\$1,334,568
Wethersfield	\$377,673
Danbury	\$839,225
Rocky Hill	\$177,630
Ellington	\$212,662
Meriden	\$627,931
Manchester	\$720,972
New Canaan	\$237,188

HB 5462 **THE INSTALLATION OF SEAT SAFETY BELTS ON SCHOOL BUSES**

The bill would require the installation of three-point seat belts on school buses purchased after 2021. Local officials have long held the safety of our children as a top priority. While CCM appreciates the intent of this proposal -- **HB 5462 would impose a new and unfunded state mandate on towns and cities without any measurable increase in child safety.** Given the current fiscal climate and uncertainty of funding to implement this proposal, CCM would ask the Committee to oppose any new mandates on towns and cities.

CCM urges the Committee to **SUPPORT** the following bill:

HB 5411 **DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING THE LOCAL BRIDGE PROGRAM, THE ADMINISTRATION OF PUBLIC TRANSIT, WORK ZONE SAFETY FUNDS, THE TRANSIT-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT PROJECT, COMMUTER PARKING AREAS, REVISIONS TO STATUTES RELATED TO TRANSPORTATION AND OUTDATED REPORTING MANDATES**

CCM supports Section 1 which would increase the municipal reimbursement under the Local Bridge Program to 50% provide much need funding to towns and cities undertaking need improvements and repairs to local bridges.

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